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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER PROMISES 200-MILE FISHERIES ZONE AND
DETAILS DEFENSE FORCE PLANS

1. IN MARCH 23 PRESENTATION TO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, PRIME
MINISTER PINDLING DETAILED PLANS FOR GCOB DEFENSE FORCE,
CITING ENFORCEMENT BY 200-MILE FISHERIES RESOURCE BILL
(TO BE INTRODUCED "SOON") AS ITS RAISON D'ETRE.

2. PINDLING REQUESTED APPROVAL FOR 5.2 MILLION DOLLAR
BARCLAYS' LOAN FOR PURCHASE OF TWO 103-FOOT CRAFT, THREE
60-FOOTERS AND "A NUMBER" OF 31-FOOTERS THAT ARE
SCHEDULED TO BE DELIVERED BETWEEN AUTUMN 1977 AND SUMMER
1978. FOUR EXISTING 60-FOOT POLICE MARINE DIVISION BOATS
WILL BE "COMPLETELY REFITTED IN NEXT FEW MONTHS," AND
ENTIRE DIVISION(15 OFFICERS, 53 MEN) WILL BE ABSORBED
BY FORCE. ANOTHER 78 MEN WILL BE RECRUITED THIS YEAR,
BRINGING TOTAL STRENGTH TO 123 BY SUMMER 1978. IN 1978
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TWELVE MORE OFFICER TRAINEES WILL BE SENT TO DARTMOUTH
(TWO THERE NOW ARE DUE BACK IN DECEMBER 1977). FIVE
ROYAL NAVY OFFICERS WILL BEGIN TDY IN APRIL 1977 TO
ASSIST WITH TECHNICAL AND TRAINING MATTERS. ULTIMATE
PLANNED FULL STRENGTH OF FORCE IS 400-500 OFFICERS AND
MEN. THEY WILL BE BASED AT CORAL HARBOUR (SOUTHERN NEW
PROVIDENCE) THERE BASE WILL BE OPERATIONAL BY END OF

1977 WITH COMPLETION OF STAGE I OF 18-MONTH PHASE II
CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM.

3. IN ANNOUNCING INTENT TO INTRODUCE FISHERIES RESOURCES
(JURISDICTION AND CONSERVATION) BILL, PINDLING NOTED THAT
CUBA AND U.S. HAVE ALREADY ADOPTED SIMILAR LEGISLATION
AND HAVE BEEN "PUT ON NOTICE" OF GCOB INTENT TO DO
LIKEWISE. HE DID NOT GIVE DATE LEGISLATION WILL BE
INTRODUCED, BUT IT IS NOT YET ON HOUSE AGENDA FOR APRIL 6
SESSION AT WHICH VOTE WILL BE TAKEN ON DEFENSE FORCE LOAN.
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